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U.S. Big Brass Still Threatening To Start World War Over Berlin

Help for Rob Williams

Afro-Americans in Buffalo Raise Money for Guns

Buffalo, August 21—"Stop the KKK Murder of Rob Williams."

That was the keynote of a meeting of the Committee for Afro-American Freedom in Buffalo last Saturday evening.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to raise funds for Robert Williams of Monroe, N.C., who is desperately in need of money to finance his militant paper, The Crusader; and to purchase arms for the defense of the beleaguered Afro-American people of Monroe, who are fighting heroically against the fascist-like violence of the organized white supremacists. $100 was raised for Rob Williams at this meeting.

The first speaker, Mrs. Vera Spruille, president of the Mothers Alliance, began with the question:

"Have any of you ever slept with a loaded pistol at your bedside, hoping against all hope that you would never have to use it against another human being, but determined to protect your life and the lives of your loved ones if necessary?"

She then went on to relate that Rob Williams and his family and friends had been time and time again the victims of attempted murder for their battle to end second-class citizenship for the Afro-American people of Monroe. Her account of the fight waged by Williams and his supporters drew warm applause.

Members of the Committee for Afro-American Freedom had spoken to Rob Williams on long-distance phone preceding the meeting. Transcripts of his report of events in Monroe were distributed . Mrs. Ruth Stone, who chaired the meeting, read this excerpt from Mr. Williams report:

"We know in this community there is no 14th Amendment. There is no law, no equal protection under the law. And there are no deterrents to those who would do us injustice, no deterrent against those who would lynch us. The law is on the side of the would-be lynchers so we have decided we will have to create our own deterrent. We plan to arm every colored person in the community who is willing to defend himself and his home. . . .

"We would prefer to live in peace. We would prefer to live normal lives. But we find this is impossible under these conditions. We appeal to all people who believe that we too have a right to live on the face of this earth without being subjected to the will of those who would destroy us just because our skin is black. We appeal to all the people who have a conscience and a spirit for social justice to aid us in our struggle and to deter those who would do us injustice."

The second speaker, Mrs. Bessie Moore of the Committee for Afro-American Freedom brought into the meeting room the very sound and horror of the white supremacist savagery which she had seen and experienced.

She told of witnessing the recovery of Emmett Till's mutilated body from

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Los Angeles Group Helps Monroe, Too

Los Angeles, August 13—Last night 75 people met in this city in support of Rob Williams and his militant fight against the racist city authorities of Monroe, South Carolina.

The meeting was called by the new, fast-growing and dynamic organization, "Freedom Now."

A tape of a telephone conversation with Williams was played, and a collection of $50 was sent to buy food and arms for Williams and his supporters, who are living virtually in an armed camp.

"Freedom Now" distributed the first edition of its Newsletter at the meeting. It is a militant and uncompromising attack not only on the racist crackers of the KKK variety, but on *"the rich thugs, bigots and murderers in and about the White House."*

All who strive to end the vicious persecution of America's 20 million black people *NOW*, welcome the emergence of a new fighting group onto the field of battle.

Sends Extra Troops 110 Miles Through E. Germany At Height of Crisis; Then Defies E. German Warning

More Berlin News On Page 4

All day Saturday, August 12, a convoy of 100 U.S. battle trucks rumbled through the 400 miles of West Germany toward the East German border. And Sunday morning they crossed the border without incident and drove 110 miles through East German territory to Berlin.

"If he sinks it in the hole, we'll call up the reserves. If he misses, we'll extend the draft."

Every politically-aware person in the world held his breath. The U.S. generals held their fingers on the atomic triggers. The biggest military aides slept at the White House. Kennedy left orders to be awakened any time during the night if there were an "emergency."

Nothing happened. *But only because of Soviet restraint.*

On August 22, the East German government warned all persons to stay 110 yards away from each side of the line that divides Berlin into East and West. This order was obviously for the purpose of cooling down hot heads and easing the crisis.

But on August 23, the Western powers deployed 1,000 troops, backed by ten 40-ton United States tanks *within* the 110 yard zone.

American soldiers with machine guns took up their positions *directly on the border*. Tanks pointed their guns at the Communist barricade.

According to the *New York Times* of August 24, *"There was no sign of Communist armor"* on the Eastern side of the border at this point.

Obviously, it is the capitalist West that is itching for a military showdown.

While Kennedy's war *talk* has moderated slightly, the actual preparations for war are being stepped up to a furious pace. The bombs are rattled, the troops are advanced—and the generals "show the flag."

But it is not merely the military brass that engineer the provocations.

Kennedy's Ambassador of War

When Willy Brandt, Mayor of West Berlin, sent an impudent letter to Kennedy demanding *action*, Kennedy immediately responded by sending the Vice President of the United States to Berlin accompanied by Lucius D. Clay, the Wall Street general who had organized the Berlin airlift in 1948. *This in itself was a provocation.*

Johnson's visit was organized and whooped up as part of the war preparations. He promised to keep West Berlin "free." By this he meant he would *destroy* Berlin in an atomic war rather than see it neutralized in the Cold War.

Wall Street Will Invade Cuba Again To Recover Its "Lost Plantation"

"The delegate from Cuba has tried to give the impression that the U.S. somehow recognizes the permanence of the present regime in Cuba. This we do not do and never will do."

The speaker was U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, C. Douglas Dillon, and the occasion was the Punta del Este conference in Uruguay this month. Dillon was pinch-hitting for John F. Kennedy himself, who was preoccupied with war preparations over the Berlin crisis.

Dillon's meaning was simply that Wall Street would not forgive the Cuban revolution for taking away its lush rackets in Cuba and giving the Cuban people back their own property. Dillon was really saying that U.S. Big Business will find a way to *attack Cuba again.*

Considering how closely the war drive is now concentrated on Berlin, and how genuinely tense the banker-generals are over East Germany, it might appear that Wall Street has forgotten or overlooked *Cuba.*

By no means! Such a conclusion would be an unpardonable mistake. It would miss the whole point.

The point is that imperialism is faced with defeats and retreats. It is even now looking around for an opening for a gain or a victory. Like a hungry dog, it is more apt to fight over a *shrinking* ration, and like a thirsty dog, inclined to go mad.

Dillon's success in selling the phony "Alliance for Progress" plan to the *rest* of Latin America is, among other things, a flanking operation to allay the antagonism of Latin America to a new invasion of Cuba.

Outside of the possibility of Soviet intervention, it is the *probability* of South and Central American revolutions which up to now has stayed the hand of U.S. imperialism in attacking Cuba.

And even *with* this probability, the attack nearly came off last April.

The danger to Cuba is once more growing sharper. The mad money kings are determined to defend their moneybags at all costs—all costs to the U.S. working class, that is.

Let no one be complacent that Dillon, Kennedy and Co. "learned their lesson" last April. Let no one fold his hands and expect these Big Business politicians to let Cuba alone. Let every advanced worker raise his voice and demand that these enemies of progress keep their—

Hands Off Cuba!

Free World Follies

N.Y., Aug. 23—Army recruiting officers in the Times Square station had the aid of show girls today in their drive for enlistments."

—*New York Times*

The show girls, you see, embody the advantages of the "free" American Way of Life.

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The Main Enemy Is at Home!

Konrad Adenauer and Willie Brandt are whooping it up for war. But they are not the *chief* war-mongers.

Adenauer is Prime Minister of West Germany and Brandt is Mayor of West Berlin. The former is a "Christian Democrat" and the latter is a "Social Democrat." There is not much difference. (Something like Democrats and Republicans in the United States.)

U.S. Vice President Lyndon Johnson went over there to "cool them down" we are told—and probably to explain that the U.S. would go to war all right—but not just now.

The way the papers and TV make it look, you'd think that Adenauer and Brandt were regular fire-and-brimstone war devils, ready to attack the Soviet Union with their bare hands, and the good, moderate leaders like Kennedy and Johnson just had to hold them back with all their might.

Don't you believe it!

Adenauer is head of a powerful country, it is true. And he's a friend of hundreds of former Nazis who are one hundred per cent opposed to the Soviet Union, it's true.

The same with Willie Brandt.

And it's true that great numbers of de-odorized former Nazis are running things high, wide and handsome in West Germany. It is true that they are viciously anti-Soviet and say so at every opportunity.

But they would be nothing without the support and build-up of Wall Street's multi-billion dollar imperialism.

The war danger does not come from Adenauer or Brandt, no matter how loud they talk. The atom bombs they rattle are *made in the United States.*

The main enemy is not in Germany, but *here at home.*

Defend Civil Rights

The National Assembly for Democratic Rights is sponsoring a giant rally in New York on September 23 and 24 to protest the recent Supreme Court decisions which have aimed such a foul blow at the Communist Party and laid the basis for turning this country into a police state.

There is going to be an appeal to the Court in October. And it is important that the supposedly "impartial" justices be given a hint that there are still many people who believe in civil rights and will *fight* for their rights.

A growing number of prominent liberals are adding their names to the list of supporters of this fight. But it is necessary for the workers in particular, who will suffer the most in the long run, to speak up against the new version of the witch-hunt.

A big turn-out at St. Nicholas Arena during Saturday and Sunday, especially the Saturday evening rally, September 23, will carry a lot of weight with Wall Street's judicial representatives on the Supreme Court.

The St. Nicholas Arena is at 69 W. 66 St. in New York.

Look at the Record

Just how "liberal" is the present Democratic Administration?

In seven (7) months time, the "liberal" Kennedy Administration has:

1. Buried its promised Congressional action on civil rights.
2. Advocated "cooling off" the people who took its program on civil rights seriously (Freedom Riders, sit-in students, etc.).
3. Helped the Cuban counter-revolutionaries mount a murderous invasion of a country with whom the U.S. was not at war.
4. Proclaimed a world policy of intervention against liberation movements through "paramilitary" means (counter-revolutionary guerrilla warfare, special military aid and advice to reactionary governments, etc.).
5. Invoked the Taft-Hartley law against the maritime workers (declaring that after 17 days of strike, a "national emergency" existed).
6. Welcomed the Supreme Court's reactionary decision against the democratic rights of the Communist Party and prepared new persecutions for it in the fall.
7. Made the most deliberate provocation of world war (over Berlin) since Truman's infamous "police action" and only retreated from the "brink" with the stated purpose of forcing a later showdown.

Many people who are *opposed* to all these terrible actions, still feel that somehow Kennedy is not so bad, and somehow, the Democrats are better than the Republicans.

With the war drive of both these reactionary old parties now moving into high gear, it seems foolish and fantastic for us to have to argue which party is "worse."

Do we have to wait until Eastland, Faubus, or Goldwater is President before we condemn the reactionary measures of *Kennedy?*

Do we have to wait for a fascist government before condemning the fascist-like actions of the so-called "democratic" government?

It is of course necessary to expose and denounce the Birch-ites and the extreme rightist reactionaries.

But it is not for that reason proper to cover up in any way the reactionary war-mongering of the so-called "liberals" of the center.

The most *powerful* enemies of the American working class are precisely those who are in the *seats* of power right now.

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MAIL BAG

The nerve to tell truth

Dear Editor:

Today I received a copy of your newspaper, *Workers World.* To say it was a delightful treat is putting it mildly. I am in full agreement with the stand you take on world issues.

You wlil find enclosed $2.00 for whch please enter my subscription for one year.

I am glad someone still has the nerve to publish the truth.

Keep up the good work.

H. W. C., Oklahoma

Soul is stronger

Dear Editor:

Thank you so very much for sending me the copies of your newspaper in which my poem was published. I am sure that I have obtained at least two subscriptions from friends who were enthusiastic about the way your staff reports the truth.

The publishing of my poem brought the Federals into my life. This to me is a sign that it must have been a pretty good poem to stir them up the way it did. I couldn't have received a stronger pat on the back.

They attempted to intimidate my girl friend and her family, but soul is much stronger than fear!

Charles Anderson,
San Francisco, Calif.

Send more copies

Rush to me 12 copies of WW for August 11, 1961. The issue is BRILLIANT, INFORMATIVE AND MILITANT.

Enclosed find $1.00 plus stamps.

R. F., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Whiskey and politics

Dear Editor:

First find attached one dollar for which extend my subscription.

Your August 11 issue is one of the best issues of any radical paper I've seen in a long while. Keep up the good work!

"The Jack that Politics Built" on page 3 was very cleverly written, but whoever did the job left out the most interesting financial job that Old Man Kennedy ever put over. And it was the best paying manipulation in his lifetime. . . .

Joseph, son of Patrick, the saloon keeper, got in his best licks when he bought and leased whiskey-making holdings in Ireland and Scotland and shipped over the grog to the U.S. (*There have been conflicting stories about how much Kennedy made on this deal. But it seems pretty well established that he did have some advance notice of the repeal of Prohibition and got in under the wire ahead of his competitors, thus once more turning politics into money—ed.*)

Awaiting your further word, I am your Comrade in Arms,

C. W. L., Ohio

Jamming Cuban radio

Dear Editor:

Please be informed that this (USA) great bastion of the "free world" employs as many as *six* jamming stations against Radio Havana short wave (English and Spanish) station.

This is a further indication of just how "open" U.S. capitalist society has become and to what extent it will go in stifling the "other side of the story."

Extremely reliable information derived from one radio engineer and three radio "hams" living in widely spaced parts of the country, through the process of signal orientation and triangulation, confirmed the location of these anti-Cuban Radio Wave "steel curtain" stations.

This ludicrous spectacle of Goliath trying to put a gag on David's mouth, is further colored by absolutely no attempt to suppress any radio or TV broadcasts from entering Cuba—as attested to in the press by a *business man* recently returned from Cuba. . . .

Fraternally, J.A., Brooklyn

Likes it fine

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is my check for $2.00. Please send me *Workers World* for one year.

Have received a couple of copies and I like it fine. It tells the truth in language that cannot be construed as untruth.

M. W., Iowa

Sound the death knell For a lying movie

Editor:

Because the trial and acquittal of Robert Meisenbach were so inadequately covered by the press outside the San Francisco Bay Area, we are especially pleased to announce to your readers two comprehensive items on the subject now available from our organization. The first is a reprint of my article in the June issue of the *Californian* magazine, "The Meisenbach Case," in which I attempt to interpret the trial and its significance to the House Committee on Un-American Activities' mendacious film, "Operation Abolition," with which I am sure your readers are familiar. The second item consists of twenty-five pages of reprints of the extensive coverage given the trial by San Francisco's three major newspapers.

We invite your readers to send to the Bay Area Students Committee for the Abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, 1732 Francisco Street, Berkeley 3, California for copies of these two pamphlets. The *Californian* article and the newspaper reprints are available together for one dollar, including postage.

The acquittal of Robert Meisenbach, the last of the students arrested during the hearings of the House Committee in San Francisco in 1960 to face adjudication, is of immense importance. If properly publicized, it should sound the death knell to "Operation Abolition" (the lying movie which was doctored to discredit the San Francisco demonstration—ed.) and help to point up the Committee's typical disregard for the truth. We hope it will also, in the long run, hasten the day when the House of Representatives sees fit to abolish this committee, and thereby to acknowledge that it has no place in a democratic society.

Sincerely yours,

Irving Hall
Treasurer,
Bay Area Student Committee for the Abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities

Starting an avalanche

Dear Editor:

. . . This is the type of paper I have longed to see published. . . . . .

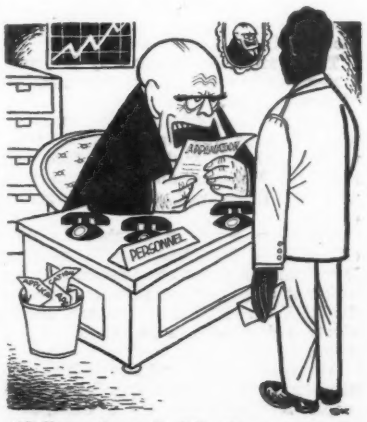
This should be and can be, a great publication for creating class-consciousness amongst all workers. That's what it should be—a workers world with "*Workers World*" awakening class consciousness. Remember . . . even a small boy standing beneath a rotten cliff can cause an avalanche by throwing rocks long enough.

Enclosed is three dollars: two for a year's sub to Workers World and the other for extra copies of your July 28 issue to mail to others.

Each month I will mail one dollar and a name for a six month sub for someone—to help out in my limited way.

Hoping your publication enjoys an ever increasing circulation, I am

Yours for a Workers World,
C.M.C., Cleveland, Ohio



"College degree? OK—Start tomorrow. But remember, no laziness tolerated. We expect you to keep this place CLEAN."

Puerto Rican Kids Get Long Sentences As Their Criminal Landlords Go Scot-Free

By Pedro Sanchez

On August 8, Kings County Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz of New York, sentenced 21-year-old Rafael Appelariz to 7½ to 15 years in Sing Sing for allegedly assaulting a policeman (unsuccessfully) and called the youth a *"thug and a wild animal."*

Leibowitz also stated that the cop would have been justified in *"putting a bullet in him and killing him."*

Deploring the cops' alleged kindness and softness, he added that *"This is a classic example of the restraint (!) exercised by policemen in our city."*

New York cops are notorious for their hatred of and brutality against Afro-Americans and Puerto Ricans. Lately a few of these cops have suffered reprisals from their all but helpless victims. So Leibowitz is whipping up a legal lynching spree.

"It is time to declare war on the cop-beater," he said. *"Word gets to some of these gangs that they have nothing to fear, therefore causing a so-called civilized city to rapidly turn into a jungle."*

"The chief reason for this horrible condition," he said, *"is that the hoodlum knows full well that if the policeman took action in self-defense and retaliated, there would be a hue and cry from the starry-eyed do-gooders, the crackpots and the pressure groups that back up the hoodlums and refer to our cops as Cossacks."*

This judge who is so tough on poor and unknown prisoners of a "so-called civilized city" is much more tender-hearted with those who rob that city of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

He has made no scathing statements about the Board of Education scandal that was going on at the exact time he was sentencing Appelariz.

He has failed to notice the political bosses who are making their fortunes selling illegal building permits to wealthy building companies — which will create more slums by faulty building with cheap materials.

He did not rush into print to condemn the meat inspectors who fixed the butcher's scales so Appelariz' family would get short-weighted while the corrupt politicians made a fortune.

He has no bitterness against the landlords of the slums where Appelariz comes from. He does not declaim against their thousands of *reported* building violations (not to mention the thousands of *un*reported!). He is very kind-hearted to the 8 million rats that plague the tenements and does not mind their bites at all.

But thumbing back through the papers of the last couple of years, we find that this guardian of a "civilized city," is quite consistent in his toughness to the *oppressed*

In September, 1959, when the U.S. Senate was conducting hearings on juvenile delinquency, he advised Puerto Ricans to *go back to Puerto Rico*, thus making it very clear at *that* time, that he regarded them as "thugs and wild animals."

—The real wild animals in New York come with guns, clubs and blue uniforms. And the thugs wear long black robes.

Police Got Along OK With Murder, Inc.!

"A couple of decades ago, Brownsville (in Brooklyn) was the hangout of Murder Inc., *but the mob's thugs were much too busy killing off competitors and themselves, to harrass the cops on the beat. . . .*

"Things are different in Brownsville today. The murder mob's gone, but a new kind of mob has come into being, the citizen-mob, and a police officer has to be real brave these nights to stroll a sidewalk without other cops in the vicinity.

"In a single block, in the space of three weeks, police of the 73rd Precinct . . . have been made the targets of three . . . mass assaults in which cop-hating residents posted on rooftops bombarded them with bricks and other missiles."

—From the New York Daily News of August 22

New York Cops Are Now Getting a Small Taste Of Their Own Medicine

Why are the poor people beginning to take their lives in their hands to strike back at a cop?

The New York Police Commissioner claims that there have been 1,780 attacks on cops in the past 12 months—that cops have been attacked by criminals or *"hysterical mob action"* an average of nearly five times a day, which according to him is an increase of 150 per cent over the number ten years ago.

You have to admire the careful compilation and efficient figuring that comes up with that precise figure—1,780. And boiling the average down to just under five times a day and comparing the percentage with ten years ago—all that shows careful attention to the welfare of cops.

But what about the statistics on their *victims?* Who counts up the number of Puerto Ricans beaten up on street corners, and who keeps track of the Afro-Americans who are worked over, crumpled up and half-killed at the station house? What are the statistics and percentages of increase on *these* beatings?

The indignant Police Commissioner did not think to mention a *single* such case. This could be explained by the fact that the Commissioner was unaware of his cops' activities. And yet just three days before the end of the 12-month period referred to above, there was reported a case that he couldn't help but know about.

Antonio Colon, 32, *suspected* of rape (later proved innocent) was beaten so hard by two cops in his room at 255 West 22nd Street that he died of brain injuries about a day later in his cell at the West 20th Street Precinct.

This incident made the papers (*one* paper, to be exact) almost by accident, and then only because the man *died.*

But even with this publicity, *no charges were made against the two policemen who clubbed Colon.*

Rafael Appalariz (see the above article) got 7½ to 15 years for *attempting* to wound a policeman. The policeman who clubbed Colon got nothing—no, not even a mention of their *names* in the one newspaper that told the story.

The truth is that clubbing by cops is so common that the newspapers take it for granted. It does not take place *five* times a day, but at least a *hundred* and five times a day. And besides, it is the cheapest, handiest and most effective way of keeping the oppressed "in their place."

But lately the clubbings have *increased.* This is not in the newspapers. But it is in the minds and hearts of the most oppressed people. And they cannot stand it any longer.

Tunisia Still Occupied By Troops of French Imperialism

After their butchery of the Tunisian population last month, the troops of French imperialism still remain in Bizerte and still threaten the colonial masses with a new slaughter.

The United Nations, to whom President Bourguiba has appealed, is now in special session debating a mild and extremely watered-down resolution calling for French withdrawal. France is boycotting the session. The U.S. will abstain from voting unless the resolution is made still more harmless.

Neither the United States Big Business government nor its semi-captive United Nations Organization will guarantee the freedom of Tunisia. Only the united struggle of the North African masses and the support of the workers of the world can do that.

The sooner Tunisia turns its back on the capitalist world—the sooner it turns to Algeria, China the Soviet Union and the movement of colonial rebellion, the better.

—Raise Money for Guns

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the river where the child-lynchers had flung it. She told of fleeing in the darkness and cold of Alabama's winter with her nine-year-old son, pursued through the night and several more nights by the mob that would lynch her child. No friend of the non-violence doctrine, she asked:

"If Kennedy sends our boys to Berlin, is he going to arm them with prayer books?"

"If we must die, Mrs. Moore said, *"Let us stay here and die to free our people."*

The meeting was electrified by these words. Here were peace-loving people, people who wished only to live in peace and raise their children in a world where they could hold up their heads and enjoy the fruits of their labor. But they were filled with a soaring determination that if they were not to be permitted this favor, such a small one to ask of society, they asked then only to be allowed to fight to the death for it.

World Youth Forum (91 Countries) Supports Tunisia

The recently-concluded World Youth Forum held in Moscow, July 25-30, voiced its indignation at the French imperialists atrocity against Tunisia.

Cables were sent to the UN, to de Gaulle and to Bourguiba. None of them so far as we know, were published in the United States.

The cable to Bourguiba is reprinted below:

"HABIB BOURGUIBA
"PRESIDENT,
TUNISIAN REPUBLIC

"To the government, people, youth of Tunisia:

"The participants of the World Youth Forum, who have gathered these days in Moscow, voice their burning wrath against the barbarous aggression of French colonialism, which manifested itself in the bombing of Bizerte and its vicinities, the killing of hundreds and the wounding of thousands of Tunisians.

"They bow their heads to those who have fallen on the battlefield and assure the youth and people of Tunisia of full support in their heroic struggle for complete national independence, sovereignty and the withdrawal of French troops from the territory of Tunisia.

"They support the legitimate demand of the Tunisian government to the Security Council of the United Nations Organization for the immediate withdrawal of the French troops from Bizerte."

World Youth Forum,
Moscow, 1961

Local Boss Makes Good

From $660 to $156,000 in a couple of years time. Could you do *that* in the Soviet Union?

No, you couldn't. But boyohboy, you can do it in these *United States!* All you've got to do is be Queens County Republican boss and make it easy for contractors to get building permits

A New York City report stated this week that Frank Kenna did something like this, and consequently thousands of apartment dwellers were having trouble with their building foundations.

—Of course, what Frank Kenna is alleged to have done is slightly illegal. But bets are now being laid five-to-one that he'll stay out of jail.

Great country.

Don't Take Those 'Free Elections' In West Germany Too Seriously

In West Germany, we are told, there are "free elections." These elections are probably about as "free" as the boss-manipulated, Wall Street-dominated farces that are called "free elections" in *this* country.

As in the United States, the winner between two carefully-selected and artificially built-up candidates is called "The People's Choice" and takes his office while the defeated party shakes hands and goes about his business—usually a *million dollar* business.

But this is only true so long as the struggle is *between two representatives of the same class.*

Things are different when the "wrong" people win!

Take the case of a union election at the "Rheinbaben" coal mine in the West German Ruhr during March of this year.

The miners elected a works council from three union caucuses—the Social Democrats, the Christian trade union group and a slate of progressive independents. This last group was headed by Clemens Kraienhorst, a veteran Communist miner who was a local councilor until the banning of the CP in West Germany in 1956.

The vote was 1,794 miners for the independent progressive list and 244 for the Social Democrats and Christian trade union candidates.

On June 19, the company fired Kraienhorst, who had been made chairman of the pit council along with his assistant, Willi Sadowski, claiming that they had *"disturbed the peaceful atmosphere of the pit."*

The peace-loving company which wanted a "peaceful atmosphere" and which owns the Rheinbaben coal mine, is the Hibernia Mining Company.

Chairman of the board of directors of this company is Ludwig Westrick, who was named as a war criminal by the Allies after the Second World War. He was one of Hitler's war economy leaders and served as Goering's special liaison man for war industries.

The great majority of the miners in Rheinbaben signed a petition for the re-instatement of the two fired union leaders. The management refused to recognize this majority vote. It not only disregarded the will of the majority, but successfully flouted the Labor Law of West Germany which prohibits the firing of legally-elected works council members.

Now if the workers had used their "free elections" to elect someone who wanted war against East Germany (and of course *didn't* want to "disturb the peaceful atmosphere" between the workers and the bosses at home) all would have been well.

The moral of this story is that "free elections" are only free to the right people, with the right attitude.

—And that goes for the United States as well as West Germany.

— And Don't Shed Too Many Tears Over Berlin's 'Poor Refugees'!

The great *majority* of the so-called "refugees" from East Germany are lawyers, teachers, specialists, engineers, technicians and higher-paid white collar people, and highly-skilled workers generally.

The farm people who are supposed to be so "enslaved" by the collective farms (where many of them never owned an acre of land before the war) did not come West at all.

The poorest workers, who presumably are the most unhappy with their lot pretty much *stayed* in East Germany.

Why?

Because East Germany is a *workers* republic where the condition of the poorest people has improved the most.

But there are still hardships. And the capitalist West is still able to bribe, lure and bamboozle large numbers of East Germans because these hardships still exist.

East Germany was the backward and undeveloped part of the old capitalist Germany—just as the Southern part of the United States is the backward, undeveloped and poorer part of the U.S.

Up until 1945, East German counts and hereditary landlords owned much of the land, just as the owners of great plantations do to this day in the South.

But in spite of the great wealth of the barons and counts, East Germany was a *poor* country just as the U.S. South is.

In the United States today, there are hundreds of thousands of refugees from the *South* who go *North* every year. There are many more of these refugees from the South than there are from East Germany to West Germany.

But you don't see the *higher-paid* Southerners moving en masse to the North today. You see the sharecroppers and unskilled laborers of the South moving North, just as you see the penniless masses of enslaved Puerto Rico moving to the mainland, USA.

Just imagine how it would be if the *opposite* were true.

If you saw thousands upon thousands of white lawyers, judges, cops, storekeepers, engineers, foremen and factory managers, leaving the South to come to the North, and the Afro-American masses staying down there, you'd know right away what the situation was.

—Well, that's basically what the situation is in East Germany.

Good Queen Bess The 2nd

By Kitty Fisher

Happy the Queen who has an escalator clause in her contract!

The common British workingman, lowly by birth and lower yet by income, will have to punch another hole in his belt this winter to meet Prime Minister Macmillan's self-sacrificing new austerity program. The depressed coal and steel areas will grow grayer and shabbier, and the traditional English "Christmas cheer" will be slightly watered this year.

But the loyal British subject can take pride in the knowledge that the royal wine (to the tune of $20,000 a year) will continue to flow in Her Majesty's cuppers. On occasions of state, the twenty-dollar-a-week shop clerks waiting in the drizzle outside Buckingham Palace may be rewarded by a fleeting glimpse of the royal neck encircled by Elizabeth's favorite diamond necklace, a 15-stone flawless token of appreciation from the Union of South Africa, valued at $170,000. (African miners' pay, 50 cents a day.)

John Bull might betray a little moistness in his eyes (smog, the cynics say) and a lump in his throat (and it ain't steak either) when he learns with pride that this economy binge isn't going to reduce the $464,000 per year doled out to various poor relations of the Queen (Prince Philip, the Queen Mother and Antony Armstrong-Jones, to drop a few names).

There won't be any hard times in the old palace this year because Britain's democratic-Free-World House of Commons voted Queen Elizabeth an annual allowance of about $1.8 million when she inherited the throne. The rising cost of living being what it is, they soon added another $273,000 per year. (This doesn't include her personal fortune, estimated at $350 million, making her the second richest woman in the world.)

A rather surprising amount of this fortune is required to keep the royal racing horses in the royal stables. The queen has spent many an aristocratic hour cheering on her favorites and indeed has lost much of her subjects' money on ill-advised bets.

When the British working class takes power, let it not be too hard on the horses. *They*, at least, gave Britain a run for its money.

A Difficult Decision!

Asked what political course he would take if he had to choose again, Barry Goldwater, the anti-labor, anti-welfare, anti-everything Republican Old Guard Senator, said:

"It would be kind of difficult to pick out just why I would want to be a Republican today."

—Sure would be. Think of all the Democrats that make Barry look like a liberal!

Why the Big Business Frenzy Over a PEACE Treaty?

It would surprise most Americans to learn that the United States has spent *more than a billion dollars* to keep West Berlin as a "showcase" for an artificial, hot-house "democracy"—at the expense of the U.S. taxpayers.

This is more money than the federal government has allotted to public education in the United States during the same period.

The banker-generals can't find the money for better schools. They can't find jobs for over 5 million people, by their own reckoning. They can't even find a single dollar to feed the babies of Newburgh, New York. But they could find a billion dollars to put into the "showcase" of Berlin.

—And they just raised 3.5 billion *more* as a down payment for all the bombs—*and boys*—they're going to send there.

Why are they so interested in *Berlin?* Berlin is *over a hundred miles inside East Germany.*

The answer boils down to this: As long as the banker-generals keep their foot in the door of Berlin, they prevent East Germany from organizing its own country in its own way. They also retain the hope that they can win back East Germany for the big landlords, counts and capitalists who used to own it.

That's why they get into such a frenzy whenever the Soviet Union raises the question of negotiating for a peace treaty.

A peace treaty would mean a set-back to the moth-eaten old Hitler supporters who used to rule East Germany. And their banker-buddies in the U.S. would have to resign themselves to a smaller world from which to gouge their rent, interest and profits.

The USSR is not even asking that West Berlin become an integral part of East Germany—which it rightly should be. All that the USSR is asking boils down to this:

That ALL foreign troops (including Soviet troops) be removed, and that a peace treaty be signed.

What's wrong with that?

The Real Welfare Chiselers

By Frederick Matteger

If you are poor, getting welfare from "your" government is made as difficult and humiliating as possible.

But for the rich, getting welfare is no problem at all. The government is honored to be of help and the newspapers say that it is in the public interest. The amount of welfare aid to big business is so huge and the methods of handing it out are so varied that it is hard to understand its magnitude. A recent relief project for big business in New York State illustrates one method of taxing the poor to make the rich richer.

After a landslide destroyed an old power plant at Niagara Falls, big business interests of that area asked their buddies in government to build them a bigger and better one so they could have plenty of cheap power. Their government friends agreed.

A taxpayer-supported state agency, The New York State Power Authority, was given the job of building a brand new, jumbo sized power project at the falls. The agency as a public body is tax exempt.

To finance the job the Power Authority issued tax exempt bonds. These bonds were marketed at a profit by the same money interests which controlled the power company. The tax-free bonds were grabbed quickly by associated banking interests. These banking interests (largely Morgan) have so far: profited from the sale of the bonds, will profit from the tax-free loan interest they will receive, and later will profit by the sale and use of the power.

The project was to be built on the land of an Indian reservation but the Indians did not want to sell. Court action (paid for by taxpayers) forced them to yield.

In the building of the project huge contracts were handed out to needy big businesses and a further nice profit was enjoyed.

Finally with the taxpayer-sponsored project completed, a deal was made to sell most of the power to the private Morgan-controlled utility company. The power produced by the state agency would be abundant and cheap and there would be "substantial" rate reductions.

But the rate cut would only be for industry. There wouuld be a "delay" of about 5 years in the lowering of *residential* rates, it was stated.

Since Niagara Mohawk, the utility company, would no longer be producing power (only transmitting it) another state agency, the Council of Parks, proposed buying property the company no longer needed—for a couple of million.

And at the last report the utility company was asking its friends who regulate rates, for an *increase* in the electric rates. These rates were already over 50% higher than in the TVA area.

However, you may be sure that these business interests and their government friends will remain opposed to welfare for *workers.*

They say, "We can't afford it. Besides, it discourages initiative!"